

**In the specification**

On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 2 as follows:

Q2 . Certain video (e.g., television) systems, including scrambling systems, pass data, either in  
the clear or encrypted, in the vertical blanking interval of the video signal. (This data is usually not  
a part of the video image or necessary for the video image.) For an example, see ~~co-pending and~~  
commonly owned U.S. Patent application to Ryan, et al., "~~Method and Apparatus for Scrambling a~~  
~~High Definition Television Signal,~~" S.N. \_\_\_\_\_, filed January 14, 2000, Attorney  
~~Docket No. M-8137-US,~~ to Ryan, et al., "Method and Apparatus for Scrambling a High Definition  
Television Signal," U.S. Patent No. 6,542,609, issued April 1, 2003, incorporated herein by  
reference in its entirety.